
DE News

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From the Director's desk:

▪ *Implementation plans begin for teacher compensation legislation*

The Department is making good progress on its plans for implementation of Iowa's new teacher compensation legislation. One of our most important steps was to gather an initial Focus Group to give us input and feedback about our plans and communications.

The Focus Group met this week and we will continue to have Focus Group meetings throughout the summer. In addition to assisting with information needs and the content of our communication, they will help staff our online discussion web.

ICN meetings next week

We have scheduled informational ICN meetings beginning next week. It is very important for all implementation teams to attend these meetings to gain a good overview of the legislation, details about when and how you can participate in the new plan, and time for questions and answers.

Our goal is focus these meetings as true working sessions to help with implementation. That is why we've asked the number of participants be limited so we can get as much accomplished as possible. All districts are asked to please bring only your implementation team (Superintendent, two teachers, one building principal and one school board member). We plan to schedule several "public" ICN meetings later that will provide general information to a wider audience.

If you have questions about the ICN schedule, please contact Ann McCarthy, DE legislative liaison, at 515/281-3399, ann.mccarthy@ed.state.ia.us.

Keep in touch over the summer

- Visit the DE Web site, state.ia.us/educate/, for general updates and frequently asked questions.
- Watch for news from ISEA, IASB and SAI.
- Attend your ICN meetings.

Need a summary?

You'll find a summary of the teacher compensation legislation in the May 23 issue of DE News, or on the DE Web at state.ia.us/educate/publications/de_news/010523.pdf.